GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:124
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2000
COMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY INDUSTRIALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS
RAM SHAKAL

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report submitted by the study group constituted to identify industrially backward districts has been reviewed;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the districts identified;

(c) the action taken by the Government to implement the recommendations of the report; and

(d) the number of districts of Uttar Pradesh included in the list of industrially backward districts?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.124 FOR THE 3 MARCH, 2000 ON THE COMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY INDUSTRIALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Review Group recommended the following criteria for identification of backward districts:-

(i) the districts with an aggregate composite index (based on defined indicators for financial criteria, infrastructural criteria and industrial criteria) of 250 or below, as compared to the national average of 1500 were to be notified as backward districts.

(ii) for special categories of districts having no rail head or those located in inaccessible hill areas, the cut-off indices were relaxed and marked at 500.

(iii) it also recommended that `no industry districts`, irrespective of their composite index, would be identified as a backward district.

The list of districts identified is at Annexure-A.

(c) On the basis of reports of the study group and the review group, the Central Government decided that industrially backward districts should be classified into two categories i.e., Category-A and Category-B.All `Districts` as identified by the Review Group have been classified as Category-A districts. The districts having indices over 250 and below 500 have been identified as Category-B district.

Provisions of the Income-tax Act and the Rulesthereunder have been amended to provide a five year tax holiday to industrial units set up in Category-A districts and three year tax holiday to those set up in Category-B districts.Units in both categories enjoy a further deduction of 25% of their profits (30% in case of companies) from their taxable income for another five years.

(d) There are eleven districts, in the list of Category-A industrially backward districts and twenty-four districts in the list of Category-B districts, in Uttar Pradesh. The list of industrially backward districts under both categories in Uttar Pradesh is at Annexure-B.

ANNEXURE - A

1. DISTRICTS HAVING AGGREGATE INDEX BELOW 250

DISTRICTS	STATE
1. GODDA	BIHAR
2. GUMLA	BIHAR
3. ARARIA	BIHAR
4. GADCHIROLI	MAHARASHTRA
5. MADHEPURA	BIHAR
6. SIDHARTHANAGAR	UTTAR PRADESH
7 DUMKA	BIHAR
8. MANDLA	MADHYA PRADESH
9. KHAGARIA	BIHAR
10. KISHANGANJ	BIHAR
11. MALDA	WEST BENGAL
12. PALAMAU	BIHAR
13. PHULBANI	ORISSA
14. MADHUBANI	BIHAR
15. KALAHANDI	ORISSA
16. JEHANABAD	BIHAR
17. SAHARSA	BIHAR
18. WEST DINAJPUR	WEST BENGAL
19. NAWADAH	BIHAR
20. BAHRAICH	UTTAR PRADESH
21. SITAMARHI	BIHAR
22. SAHEBGANJ	BIHAR
23. MURSHIDABAD	WEST BENGAL
24. COOCH BEHAR	WEST BENGAL
25. BANKURA	WEST BENGAL
26. PANNA	MADHYA PRADESH
27. PRATAPGARH	UTTAR PRADESH
28. MAHARAJGANJ	UTTAR PRADESH
29. JALORE	RAJASTHAN
30. AURANGABAD	BIHAR
31. EAST CHAMPARAN	BIHAR
32. BANDA	UTTAR PRADESH
33. BARMER	RAJASTHAN
34. PURNIA	BIHAR
35. BASTAR	MADHYA PRADESH
36. SIWAN	BIHAR
37. VAISHALI	BIHAR
38. BASTI	UTTAR PRADESH

2. `NO INDUSTRY` DISTRICTS NOT FALLING UNDER CATEGORY (1):-

DISTRICTS	STATE
1. SARGUJA	MADHYA PRADESH
2. CHAMOLI	UTTAR PRADESH
3. JAISALMER	RAJASTHAN
4. LOHARDAGGA	BIHAR
5. CHHATARPUR	MADHYA PRADESH
6. UTTAR KASHI	UTTAR PRADESH

7 CHURU RAJASTHAN

8. WAYANAD KERALA

9. IDUKKI KERALA
10. JALPAIGURI WEST BENGAL

3. DISTRICTS LOCATED IN INACCESSIBLE HILL AREAS WHICH ARE BACKWARD AND NOT FALLING UNDER CATEGORIES (1) AND (2)

DISTRICTS STATE

1. ALMORA UTTAR PRADESH

2. PITHORAGARH UTTAR PRADESH

3. TEHRI GARHWAL UTTAR PRADESH

4. DISTRICTS HAVING NO RAIL CONNECTIONS WHICH ARE BACKWARD AND NOT FALLING UNDER CATEGORIES (1), (2) AND (3)

DISTRICTS STATE

1. THE DANGS GUJARAT

2. BANSWARA RAJASTHAN

ANNEXURE-B

CATEGORY `A` INDUSTRIALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS IN UTTAR PRADESH

1. SIDHARTHANAGAR

2. BAHRAICH

3. PRATAPGARH

4. MAHARAJGANJ

5. BANDA
6. BASTI

7 CHAMOLI

8. UTTARKASHI

9. ALMORA
10. PITHORAGARH
11. TEHRI GARHWAL

CATEGORY `B` INDUSTRIALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS IN UTTAR PRADESH

1. HARDOI

2. LALITPUR

3. HAMIRPUR

4. BADAUN

5. FATEHPUR
6. AZAMGARH

7 ETAH

8. BARABANKI

9. ETAWAH
10. DEORIA
11. GHAZIPUR
12. BALLIA
13. JAUNPUR
14. SITAPUR
15. JALAUN
16. UNNAO
17. FAIZABAD
18. KANPUR DEHAT
19. MAINPURI
20. GONDA
21. FARUKHABAD
22. SULTANPUR
23. MIRZAPUR
24. MAU